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SUBJECT: GULF OF SUEZ NAUTICAL CHART

REFERENCE: TEL AVIV 7841

1. WE ARE POUCHING 8X10 INCH MAP TITLED QUOTE GULF OF SUEZ: OIL CONCESSIONS UNQUOTE WHICH SHOWS ALL CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY EGYPT TO FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES IN AND ADJACENT TO GULF OF SUEZ AND MAP COORDINATES IN ONE-HALF DEGREE GRADATIONS. MAP INDICATES WHICH COMPANIES ARE OPERATING WHERE BUT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT SHOW NUMBERED FIVE-KILOMETER SQUARE BLOCKS. FYI: THESE BLOCKS HAVE BEEN DRAWN ONLY ON MAPS PRODUCED BY AMOCO AND THUS CONSTITUTE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION THAT AMOCO HAS ASKED NOT BE RELEASED TO ISRAELIS. COMPANY FEELS THAT ISRAELI POSSESSION OF SUCH INFORMATION WOULD CONSIDERABLY ENHANCE VALUE OF INFORMATION ISRAELIS OBTAIN FROM MONITORING OF AMOCO EXPLORATIONS. END FYI. IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS DOES NOT MEET ISRAELI REQUEST REFTTEL, PLEASE ADVISE.

2. IN ATTEMPTING TO PLACE ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE ON AMOCO MAP, USG CARTOGRAPHERS HAVE DISCOVERED DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN REPRESENTATIONS OF THE MEDIAN LINE ON THE TWO DIFFERENT MAPS GIVEN US BY THE ISRAELIS, I.E., ONE GIVEN US

DURING SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH ISRAELI TEAM IN DEPARTMENT

AND LARGE MAP SHOWING ENTIRE GULF OF SUEZ GIVEN TO EMBASSY  
TEL AVIV AFTER MEETING. IN ORDER TO PLOT ACCURATELY  
ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE IN GULF OF SUEZ, CARTOGRAPHERS WOULD  
LIKE EITHER A LARGE ISRAELI MAP WITH THE QUOTE OFFICIAL UN-  
QUOTE ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE SHOWN OR, PREFERABLY, THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (A) THE COORDINATES OF THE  
ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE IN THE GULF OF SUEZ; (B) THE DATUM  
FROM WHICH THESE COORDINATES ARE MEASURED; AND (C) THE  
PROJECTION OF THE MAP ON WHICH THE ISRAELIS HAVE DRAWN THE  
MEDIAN LINE. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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